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AAAS Statement on U.S. Government Shutdown

“Any shutdown of the federal government can disrupt or delay research projects, lead to uncertainty over new research, and reduce researcher access to agency data and infrastructure. The U.S. innovation system relies on robust investments in science and engineering to serve the public good. We urge Congress and the White House to work together in a bipartisan manner to reach an agreement on fiscal year 2019 appropriations that allows continued operation of research agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and NASA. Continuing resolutions and short-term extensions are no way to run a government.”

— Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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